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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/2/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gurstein et al. (U. S. Pat. No. 5,493,754), Jensen (U. S. Pat. No. 4,954,321) or Holsclaw et al. (U. S. Pat. No. 6,482,370) in view of either Germany'256 (Germany 34 23 256) or Dunder (U. S. Pat. No. 5,094,822).

Re claims 1 and 14, Gurstein, Jensen and Holsclaw are each cited disclosing a chemical dispenser comprising: a cylindrical gas generator (60 in Gurstein, 26 in Holsclaw and 14 in Jensen); a liquid dispenser (30, 31, 16 in Gurstein, 16, 20 in Holsclaw and 38 in Jensen); a support stand (100 in Gurstein, unnumbered container in fig. 1 of Holsclaw and 12 in Jensen); a support base, wherein said liquid dispenser is removably mounted on said support base; and, said support stand is attached to said support base that differs from the claims only in the recitation of the of gas generator being removably mounted on said support stand. Germany'256 (se abstract) and Dunder (see abstract) are cited disclosing the arrangement of have the gas generator removable as claimed. It therefore would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the device of Gurstein, Jensen and Holsclaw, to have the gas generator removable as taught by either Germany'256 or Dunder, for the purpose of allowing for the repair and maintenance of the generator/apparatus. Re claim 2, Holsclaw discloses the platform (19). Re claims 3 and 4, to have the pump being located

and in the form of a peristaltic pump is deemed to be of little patentable weight, in view of the corresponding features in Gurstein, Jensen, Holsclaw, Dunder or Germany'256 (see MPEP 2144.06 SUBSTITUTING EQUIVALENTS KNOWN FOR THE SAME PURPOSE). This is also applicable to the subject matter of claims 11 and 12. Re claim 13, Jensen discloses the UV lamp. Re claim 15, Gurstein discloses the pump. Re claim 16, to have the pump a diaphragm pump is of little patentable weight in view of the pump as disclosed by the cited prior art.

3. Claims stand 5-10 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In Weaver, Teran et al., Berglund et al., Carlson, Daily, Rentzepis, Cannon, Burdick, Raymond, Kubota et al., Perkins, note the cleaning gas generating means.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANKIE L. STINSON whose telephone number is (571) 272-1308. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 5:30 am to 2:00 pm and some Saturdays from approximately 5:30 am to 11:30 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr, can be reached on (571) 272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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